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The Honorable Jeff Denham  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1730 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Denham:

On behalf of The Humane Society of the United States, the nation's largest animal protection organization, I am writing to express our support for H.R. 2066, a bill that will propose a pet policy that allows passengers to transport dogs and cats on Amtrak trains.

Millions of American families have beloved pets, and your bill will allow them to travel with their companion animals by train, further supporting the human-animal bond. Individuals, when currently traveling on Amtrak, must now either leave their pets at home or seek alternate transportation. This can result in additional hardship and expense for the pet owner if Amtrak is their only option for transportation to a particular area. Just as many airlines allow passengers to travel with their pets, for a reasonable fee, trains should also make accommodations for pet owners and their companions.

Your bill will not cost the federal government or Amtrak any additional funds, but will mean a lot to millions of American pet owners. We strongly support H.R. 2066 and thank you for your leadership and on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Michael Markarian  
Chief Program and Policy Officer  
The Humane Society of the United States